<u>PATENT</u> <u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on 10/13/2009, to which a response with a one-month extension of time is due no later than 12/13/2009, Applicants submit this paper. Please consider the following remarks, all of which are made without prejudice.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.